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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2003, in the above referenced application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 22, 24 and 33 to read as follows:

- 22. A method for producing a preparation for transporting at least one active ingredient through the skin or mucous membrane of a mammal comprising:
- selecting a first amphiphilic lipid component; and a.